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HB2552: voting; elections; tally; prohibition Sponsor: Representative Smith, LD 29 House Engrossed

Overview

Prohibits the use of Ranked Choice Voting (RCV) in Arizona elections.

<u>History</u>

In all Arizona elections, the candidate that receives the highest number of votes is declared elected (Art. VII § 7, Const. of Arizona).

RCV allows each voter to rank multiple candidates for the same office on a ballot in order of preference rather than making a single choice. After the ballots in the election have been counted, if a candidate is a majority of the electorate's first choice, that candidate is the winner of the election (<u>CRS Report</u>).

Provisions

- 1. States for every election in this state, the person who receives the highest number of votes be declared elected. (Sec. 1)
- 2. Prohibits any city, town, county, or political subdivision of this state from using a voting method that does any of the following:
 - a) Allows voters to rank more candidates than are eligible to be elected for office;
 - b) Allows cast ballots to be tabulated in a manner that eliminates candidates through multiple rounds; or
 - c) Requires the ranking of all candidates running for a singular office. (Sec. 1)

☐ Prop 105 (45 votes)	☐ Prop 108 (40 votes)	☐ Emergency (40 votes)	☐ Fiscal Note	
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